

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to an information distribution apparatus capable of distributing multimedia information without fail even if interruption has arisen in real-time distribution of multimedia information. In the information distribution apparatus, distribution information serving as real-time information is received by the receiving end, while being stored in a storage section provided in the sending end. Even if distribution is interrupted in the course of distribution, a time stamp corresponding to the time at which interruption has arisen is stored. When a re-transmission request is issued by the receiving end, distribution information is loaded from a memory location corresponding to the time stamp, and the thus-loaded information is transmitted to the receiving end. In this case, the speed at which information is loaded from the storage section is increased so as to catch up with real-time distribution.